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Mansfield Police Chief Gary Hobbs reports that on *Wednesday- March 15, 2017* at approx. 2:40am a patrol officer stopped a vehicle on Sample Street for having a headlight out. The vehicle was occupied by two subjects, which refused to obey the verbal commands given to them by the officer. As the officer approached the vehicle, the driver sped off, leading officers on a high speed pursuit through the city and ultimately down 171 South, into the Parish. The fleeing driver had turned off the headlights to the vehicle and the officer lost sight of the vehicle. Just as the officer had made the decision to terminate the pursuit, he located the vehicle, which had left the roadway and overturned, about two miles south of the city limits on Highway 171. Both the driver and passenger were transported to University Health for injuries sustained in the accident. In a subsequent search of the vehicle officers recovered two stolen handguns, approx. 49 grams of Marijuana, 32 suspected ecstasy tablets as well as assorted drug paraphernalia. Warrants were obtained for the driver, identified as Derrick Johnson Jr., 19 of Shreveport, for Headlights; Two Required, Aggravated Flight from an Officer, Possession of a stolen firearm, Possession of a firearm in the presence of CDS, Possession of Marijuana with intent to Distribute, Possession of Schedule II- Ecstasy and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Johnson has an extensive criminal history and is currently on parole. An arrest is pending his release from the hospital. The passenger, identified as William Stewart, 22 of Shreveport, has been released from the hospital and booked into the DeSoto Parish Detention Center for Possession of a stolen firearm, Possession of a firearm in the presence of CDS, Possession of Marijuana with intent to Distribute, Possession of Schedule II- Ecstasy, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



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